(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The then Railway Minister mentioned in his Budget speech in March, 1991 that keeping in view the need for development of backward areas the new line from Ranchi-Hazaribagh-Koderma is under consideration. The survey for this line was updated and proposal for this 190 km. BG line between Ranchi and Koderma via Barkakana and Hazaribagh at an estimated cost of Rs. 335 crores was sent to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission, however, did not agree to the proposal due to the negative financial return of the project, stating also that the anticipated passenger traffic on the section could be taken care of by road transport.

Compensation for the land acquired by Konkan Railway

703. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether compensation for the land acquired by Konkan Railway has not yet been given to the farmers;

(b) the number of farmers in Thane, Ratnagiri, Raigarh and Sindhu-Durg districts who are yet to be compensated; and

(c) the time by which compensation is likely to be given to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Wherever land aquisition proceedings have been completed by Revenue authoritles, compensation has been paid.

(b) Districtwise details are furnished below:

(i) Raigarh District —3583 Farmers

(ii) Ratnagiri District —5802 Farmers

(iii) Sindhu Durg District —5640 Farmers

Thane Dstrict does not lie on Konkan Railway alignment.

(c) Payment of compensation will be made as soon as the land acquisition proceedings are completed and awards made by the Revenue authorities of the State Government. Land acquisition proceedings are carried out by special land acquisition officer who works under the State Government.

Derailment of Trains

704. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during 1992 the incidence of derailment of trains has taken a serious turn; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, zonewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir. There has been a marginal increase in the number of derailments during the first six months of 1992 as compared to similar period of 1991.

(b) Railway zone-wise position of derailments is as under:—

Railway	No. of derailments during Jan. to June	
	1992	1991
Central	20	16
Eastern	25	25
Northern	25	22
North Eastern	12	3
Northeast Frontier	24	25
Southern	24	36
South Central	26	29
South Eastern	38	33
Western	18	20
TOTAL	212	209